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The word Christmas can be traced back to 1038 to the old English Cristes Maesse, meaning "the Mass of Christ."

The Nativity of Christ was introduced as a special feast in Rome about the middle of the 4th century.

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Jen-Hai

death of Hai Saon

1038 AD

"Suck learning though it be in China,"
was an Islamic saying and Islam was
self-consciously also the custodian of
Greek learning. Its treatment of science
was often conservative, but mathematics
and chemistry flourished, as betokened still
by Arabic words like algebra and alchemy.
Arabic scholars showed originality in optics
and a textbook written in Cairo around

1038 AD set out the theory of lenses, on which the invention of the telescope would depend. European science had its origins in Islamic work, and a scholar in Muslim Spain recommended the books should not be sold to Christians, because they plagiarized them.